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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 USC §121

Sir:

This paper is for the patent application identified above and is in response to the Office action dated December 1, 2006, which set a shortened statutory period for response that expires on January 1, 2007. This paper is submitted at timely on January 3, 2007 per the National Day of Mourning announcement on the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office website on December 29, 2006.¹ Kindly amend this application as indicated herein.

The elected claims are begin on page 2 of this paper. The withdrawn claims begin on page 6 of this paper.

The Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

¹ www.uspto.gov, December 29, 2006 ("In view of the official closing of the Federal Government offices in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, including the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), on Tuesday, January 2, 2007, the day proclaimed by President Bush as a National Day of Mourning, the United States Patent and Trademark Office will consider Tuesday, January 2, 2007 a "Federal holiday within the District of Columbia" under 35 U.S.C. § 21 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.6, 1.7, 1.9, 2.2(d), 2.195, and 2.196. Any action or fee due on Tuesday, January 2, 2007, will be considered as timely for the purposes of, e.g., 35 U.S.C. §§ 119, 120, 133 and 151, if the action is taken, or the fee is paid, on the next succeeding business day on which the USPTO was open, that is, Wednesday, January 3, 2007.").